

Application No.: 09/896,873
Amendment dated April 26, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2004

REMARKS

An Interview was conducted between Examiner Kielin and Applicants' representative Mark Dodd on April 13, 2004, concerning the change of inventorship with the indication that Jun Yamada was not a co-inventor of the elected species. An Interview Summary dated April 14, 2004 shows that the Petition to Change Inventorship dated November 24, 2003 was in fact acceptable. Applicants' represented wishes to extend his thanks to Examiner Kielin for his diligence in determining the Petition to Change Inventorship was effective.

Status Of Application

Claims 1- 147 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-17, 29-37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, and 55-130 are withdrawn.

Claims 18-28, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, and 131-147 are allowed.

By this amendment, claims 1-17, 29-37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, and 55-130 are cancelled as being drawn to non-elected species.

Claim 27 has been amended to correct a grammatical error.

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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Any fee required by this document other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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